



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE BRANCH  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO ATTENTION  
OF:

SE-5J

May 21, 2009

*Via Facsimile*

Paul Bucholtz  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
Remediation and Redevelopment Division, Superfund Section  
P.O. Box 30426  
Lansing, MI 48909-7926

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Re: Request for State Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements for the Plainwell Dam #2 Site located in Allegan and Kalamazoo Counties, Michigan

Dear Mr. Bucholtz:

The Plainwell Dam #2 Site (Site) is located approximately 3.5 miles upstream of the former Plainwell Dam in the Township of Gun Plain, T 1N, R 11 W, in portions of Sections 32 and 33 upstream to the Penn Central Railroad Bridge. The Site is pervasively contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), primarily as the result of waste practices associated with the de-inking of carbonless copy paper.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is currently in negotiation with a responsible party to conduct a time-critical removal action to mitigate threats to public health, welfare, and the environment presented by the presence of an uncontrolled release of PCBs, a hazardous substance, into the food chain of the Kalamazoo River from in-stream sediments, riverbank soils, and floodplain soils located within the Site boundaries. The proposed response actions include dredging and/or excavation of sediment, riverbank soils and floodplain soil, containment, monitoring, water treatment, stabilization and off-Site disposal of excavated material in accordance with federal PCB regulations at 40 C.F.R. § 761.61. PCB contaminated material with PCB concentrations equal to or greater than 50 mg/kg, shall be transported off-site to a chemical waste landfill that is in compliance with all state and federal regulatory requirements. PCB contaminated material with PCB concentrations less than 50 mg/kg shall be transported off-Site and disposed in an appropriately licensed and permitted

commercial landfill. It is anticipated that these landfills will be located within the State of Michigan

This letter requests Michigan DEQ identify all specific Applicable, Relevant, and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs) for the proposed removal action. Any specific State ARARs identified in a timely manner for this removal action will be complied with to the extent practicable.

If you have questions regarding this request, or require more details on the Plainwell Dam #2 Site, please do not hesitate in contacting me at (312) 886-4592.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Ribordy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Ribordy  
U.S. EPA, On-Scene Coordinator

cc: Charles Gebien, U.S. EPA  
Leslie Kirby-Miles, U.S. EPA